

New Jersey Highlands Council **Letter 46**

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Dear Council, Over the past ten years we have watched the Highland Act cut into our way of life! Over those ten years we have seen lack of controlled development to support our local government infrastructure and quality of life. I live in Independence Township in which we have areas we could have had controlled growth, west of route 517 north of Hackettstown and west on route 46. When asked why an area with sewer and water was not in the area for future growth, the council stated a "blind line was drawn up route 517" and on the west side of the road was put in preservation and on the east side was in the planned area? We continue to have sewer and water in these areas why not allow controlled growth? Why not allow those areas where we have sewer and water available to be developed? These areas would help with our ratable growth to sustain our way of life?! The Township already has a resolution passed to assess a tax on those using the water from our township. So let's either allow growth in these areas or assess a water tax and then pass those revenues to the Municipalities that have been harmed by the taking of their land right? Sincerely, John M. Cummins

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